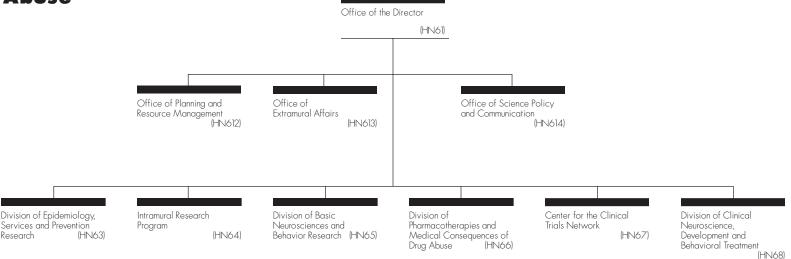


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- Provides a national leadership and conducts and supports biomedical and behavioral research, health services research, research training, and health information dissemination with respect to the prevention of drug abuse and treatment of drug abusers;
- Plans, conducts, fosters, and supports a comprehensive program of research and research training relating to the causes, prevention, treatment, patterns, and consequences of drug abuse and addiction, through research performed in its own laboratories and through contracts and grants to scientific institutions and to individuals;
- Supports training in fundamental sciences and clinical disciplines relating to drug abuse by individual and institutional research training awards;
- Coordinates with other research Institutes and with other Federal health and other agencies in activities relevant to drug abuse and addiction;
- Conducts and fosters health information dissemination activities, including the collection and dissemination of research findings and related educational materials for health professionals and the lay public;
- Coordinates with institutions and professional associations and with international, national, State, and voluntary agencies working in these areas; and
- Collaborates with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration on services research issues as well as on other programmatic issues.

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